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A DISMAL OUTLOOK.

The Peralta land grant which is now valleys, is but one among the many that are being manufactured to gobble up the few remaining acres of Uncle Sam's doico has been declared valid by the highest court in the land, though laughed cumstances. over and sneered at as its companion fraud, the Peralia, is now in certain quarters. This is a day of centralization of wealth, power and brains to rob the quiet toiler and the busy home-maker out of all they possess, and turn them adrift without food or shelter. It is said that the richest men in the nation are interested in the Peralta grant, that the brightest legal lights have been employed, and that United States Senators and Congressmen have become interested in m. "Interested" is a good word for these degenerate days; it has not the harsh sound of the old word bribery. Nowadays men do not bribe others high in office by giving them money for their votes and influence; they simply "interest" them by making the official interested in the grand scheme, which, by the way, is all right of course. The origina tors will manufacture the title papers.

We confess we do not know what is to be done about it. All the loose property on the aforesaid grant is not sufficient to make a successful fight against the EPITAPH. We believe that time is very brains, the money and the influence of near, and shall be on the ground to the men who have bought their way into herald the glad event. the United States Senate against the will of the majority of the honest voters. We know the land belongs to the settlers; they have dog canals, cleared away the brush and planted orchards and vine- judge by the following from the Prescott yards. They have converted a veritable | Courier: desert of thirsty sand-a burning cactus plain-into a paradise of living green, of sombre forests, interspersed with running streams, and have settled down in the hope and expectation of spending the evening of their days in the shade of their own vine and fig tree. But while they have toiled to make the desert bloom like the rose, the land grant fac-tory has been running, and a grant has when, where and how to gratify his coybeen ground out that covers the cottage, the lawn, the arbor and the orchard, as well as the towns and cities, where solid brick blocks have been built, where manufactories and mills are running.

Here on the borders of a Mexican ice machines. State we know how these grants are gotten up. To illustrate: there is a wine dian agency is to be increased from two accompanied by three men furnished choicest of French wines are produced from the California vintage. The French bottle, covering for the top, label and stamp are used. They are covered with dust and cobwebs to give them an appearance of age, and are finally shipped east in an old French case and sald for the genuine foreign product. The manufacture of land grants is carried on in a similar manner, with this difference: The wine-drinker has just as good and wholesome an article as the foreign product, but he has paid four times as much for it as he would had he ordered California wine; while in the land grant case the government is directly swindled out of untold millions in the sale of her public lands, and ten times as much more in the impoverishment of her people.

The records in Mexico are not kept in books as they are in this country; title papers are often kept in pigeon-holes, where one can be removed and another added by a dishonest keeper of records, without disturbing or disarranging any other record. Hence, if you wish to get a land grant covering hundreds of thousands of acres, all you have to do is to get the same kind of parchment used in the days of Cortez, make out the grant with the necessary descriptions, signatures and seals, begrime it with the dust and cobwebs of ages, a la the San Francisco wine cellar, take a few thousand dollars and go to the City of Mexico, and the thing is done, with the exception of sending a searcher of records to take a copy of the document, "interesting" a few United States Senators, and getting up a syndicate to fight it through to confirmation.

An alarmist is oftimes a dangerous individual in a community; but as Rome was saved by the quacking of a goose, may not an humble scribe be permitted to register his firm belief that unless something is done, and done immediately, all will be swallowed up by the monster syndicate, the claimants of the Per

It is now settled beyond doubt that we are on the eve of a revival in mining matters. Recent developments in properties of the Grand Central Companynotably the Emerald-the purchase of the Old Guard by a wealthy English syndicate, besides minor strikes in outenergetic development of mines as a Carlos,

business proposition. Many fine properties in this district, which are destined to pour millions into the laps of their fortunate possessors, are now lying idle, awaiting the time when the voice of the enemies of silver and silver-taining shall no longer be heard in the land,

The Board of Equalization, by placing fair assessment on the railroads of the Territory, such as they would pay upon without resort to the courts, would be serving the best interests of the people. The same may be said with regard to all species of property.

One mining company alone in this district has more than three hundred and agitating the country, and which will, if fifty men upon its pay-roll, more than confirmed, sweep the settlers from the they ever employed at one time in the Lower San Pedro, Gila and Salt River most prosperous days of the camp. We refer to the Grand Central. And yet quite frequently of late, when he is going main. The Maxwell grant in New Mex- to begin work, which question would naturally rile up any man under the cir-

Our readers are requested not to consider the present issue as a sample of the WEEKLY EPITAPH. Taking possession of the office only the latter part of this week, the limited time has not given the new publishers an opportunity to produce such a paper as they would desire. It is proposed to furnish a weekly mining report in the future, besides a summary of the week's news and other matters of interest. In short, we hope to print a paper that no one need be ashamed to send to a friend.

To those kind friends who desire to know why we don't publish a daily, we would say, once for all, that when the proper time comes, when the business of the city will warrant the publication of a newspaper taking press dispatches, and otherwise having some of the constituent parts of a daily paper, such as we conceive it should be, and such as the EPITAPH was years ago, then and not until then may they look for a DAILY

The relations existing between our brethren of the press in Northern Arizona are evidently "strained," if we may

The "lusus naturae" who claims to edit the Journal-Miner is mad, very mad. He has made several unprofessional attacks upon this paper, and got more than he bargained for, hence the brute's rabies. He talks about cowards; the reputed would-be assassin of Jim Wetherbe might fight a sick woman, but we doubt if he has the courage to face a rival whom he hates and take even chances. ote nature.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

A number of Wallapai braves are on a visit to Prescott, and a depletion of

lothes racks will be the result. The Total Wreck mine is opening up in a very satisfactory manner, and will no doubt prove to be a handsome prop-

It is now authentically known that on the first of September the Maricopa and Phenix road will pass into the hands of

he Southern Pacific company. The three-eyed colt, recently on exhibition at Prescott, has been sent to Washington, where a cast of it will be made and placed in the Smithsonian In-

When completed and full, the Walnut Grove dam, near Prescott, will contain in ound numbers 15,000,000,000 gallons of water. It is 130 feet long, and when fin-

ished will be 130 feet high The Territorial Board of Equalization meets on the 8th at Prescott. Messrs. C. M. Bruce and I. N. Towne have gone to Prescott as representatives of the stock associations of the southern coun-

ties of Arizona. Articles of incorporation of the Tempe Land and Improvement company with capital stock of \$250,000 divided into 50oco shares at a per value of \$5 per share, have been filed with the Recorder of Maricopa county. Incorporators are E. B. Gage, C. W. Leach, L. W. Blinn, C. A. Hooper and Francis Cutting.

The Tucson land office is doing a rush ing business. From July 5th (the date when Judge Duff qualified) to the end of upon 260 entry papers, wrote 390 official letters, fixed the time for hearing five brother in Cow-boy, Texas, and without contested cases, issued 11 notices for speaking another word he breathed his publication of application for patents to last. mines and 48 no ices for publication of proof on agricultural lands .- [Star.

the Indians about Fort Apache are con- they both occupy untimely graves within tent, industrious and favored with good twenty miles of each other in the wilds crops. Nearly all their produce is sold of the White mountains. to the government contractors. Matters It is remarkable the swift and terrific at San Carlos are moving along harmo- retribution which has followed every niously. Capt. F. E. Pierce, acting In- man closely connected with the jump- and all costs. dian agent, has been granted a leave of ing of the Cottonwood ranch and the absence, and Capt. J. M. Lee has been murder of Ike Ellinger. assigned as acting agent during Capt. Craig, the man who jumped the ranch Pierce's absence. Capt Lee is a very was shot and killed at Fairview, Nov proper officer for the trust, as he has an Mexico, in a drunken wrangle over a confidence not experienced in three established reputation made while agent horse race. Ike Clanton who was presyears. The California land boom has of the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians ent when Ellinger was shot down, folabout spent its force, and the next ex some years ago. His administration then lowed closely in Craig's trail, leading citement (it we may be aboved to pro proved a signal success, and it is believed in a the dark valley of death, and now phesy) will be in mines-use active, he will meet with the same results at San comes, on the same ghastly trail, the

DIES WITH HIS BOOTS ON.

Another one of the Notorious Clanton Gang of Outlaws gone,

The readers of the Critic will begin to think that the tragic carnival of death is holding daily sessions in the mountains on the border of Apache and Graham counties; but be that as it may, this seems to be a cold year for outlaws and norderers in this vicinity.

By way of preface to the detailed report of the killing of that dastardly marderer Lee Reafro, which occurred on the 8th day of July, in the White mountains, in Graham county, I will briefly recount the circumstances under which Renfro murdered Isaac N. Ellinger, well known in this community: a young man of strict integrity, temperate habits and Superintendent Gage has been asked possessing all the qualities that are requisite to make a good citizen.

Some time last fall, while Ellinger was temporarily absent from his ranch, which was situated just across the territorial line in New Mexico and known as the Cottonwood ranch, one Craig, at the instigation of Renfro, "jumped" the property. Mr. Ellinger had purchased the place more than a year previous and had made it his home and headquarters. On or about the 6th of November last, he in company with Wilds P. Plummer went to Cienega Amarilla, (the Clanton ranch) and it being about noon Ellinger and his friend Plummer, upon the invitation of the Clantons, dismounted and took dinner. Besides these two gentlemen there was present at the table. Ike and Phin Clanton, Lee Renfrs and Bill Jackson. While dining, the subject of the jumping of the ranch came up, but no hard words were passed. The first to finish eating were Mr. Ellinger, Ike Cianton and Lee Renfro, who arose and passed to Phin Clanton's cabin, some ten or twelve steps distant. They had but entered the room when Renfre commenced to abuse Ellinger for something that it was reported had been said about the jumping of the ranch, at the same time picking up his six-shooter from the table and walking toward Ellinger. At this junction Ike Clanton stepped in between them, but Renfro suddenly threw his pistol around Ike and shot Ellinger in the breast. Mr. Ellinger lived several days in great agony, suffering a thousand deaths, and died on or about the tenth day of November last. Renfro seeing that his victim had received a morial wound asked for a horse, which was at once furnished by the Clantons and Lee Renfro rode away, and has been skulking in the mountains of Arizona the most of the time since, a fugitive multitude of low test, short weight alum from justice, with no other company than on laws and wild beasts.

It is strange how these kind of charac ters, in spite of their precautions, mest their doam. Renfro, with some of his kindred spirits, was camped in a canyon, The government posts of Fort Mc- opening out on the Rio Bonito, in the Dowell and Thomas are supplied with mountains on the Apache Indian reservation, on the 8th day of this month, eral Fund Warrants for the arrest The military force at San Carlos In- On this same date a secret service officer, and conviction of the murderer of indians, by a singular chance, happened | ed at Fairbanks last spring. to be hanting for stolen cattle belonging to the San Carlos Agency, in the neighborhood where Renfro and his party were camped. As the office and posse were riding across a plateau they observed a man come out of a canyon about one hundred and fifty yards distant, on foot and in his shirt-sleeves. The officer said to two of his men, "you fellows ride over to that man and tell him that we are from the southern country and if possible get him to come over here, as I want to question him about the trails." The two men rode over to the man in his shirt-sleeves and convers
the man in his shirt-sleeves and conv ing with him a few moments, they to- ants:
You, and each of you, are hereby summoned gether returned to where they had left and required to appear and answer the comthe officer and his remaining companion, plaint of plaints of sat my office in the City of Tombstone, Cochies county, Arixona, within who in the meantime had dismounted five days. Should this summons be served upon your and were pretending to be fixing their saddles. When the approaching party were within ten or fifteen paces the secret service officer, who had his horse between him and the approaching party, recognized Renfro. He quickly stepped in front of his horse and called out, "Lee Renfro, throw up your hands!" repeating the order twice. Renfro instead of obeying the command, attempted to pull his six-shooter, when the offi- 19th, A. D. 1887, cer fired, shooting him through the upper part of the heart and left lung. Renfro fell, the officer ran to him and Renfro calling him by name asked:

"Did you shoot me for money?" The officer replied: "No, I shot you

because you resisted arrest," Renfro then said, "I suppose it is all deted in said court on the r5th day of July, 1887, up with me," and asked the officer to in favor of H. K. Tweed and against D. C. McLane wherein I am commanded to make the July, the office examined and passed take his watch and other effects he had on his person and send them to his

This man Renfro was an abject and servile tool of Ike Clanton, who met the The Star learns from Major Coxe that same fate but a few weeks before, and

quaking, cringing, murderous soul of

Lee Renfro, all crimson with the blood of an honored citizen, rushing headlong in quest of the two kindred spirits, who have so shortly preceeded him into the "great unknown," that "undiscovered country from whence no traveler returns," Tous ends the fourth act in the bloody

tragedy of the murder of Isaac Ellinger. -Apache Co. Critic.

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Summons.

In the Justice's Court of Township No. 1, County of Cochise, Territory of Arizona. J. J. McClelland, plainiff vs. R. H. Archer and R. J. Pryke, copartners as Archer & Pryke,

for the sum of \$103.00 upon a promissory n otu and \$33.50 interests thereon and for costs ou suit; and you are hereby notified that should you fail to appear and answer said complaint within the time stated, the said plaintiff will apply to the court for said judgment against you for said

Given under my hand at my office in the city Tombstone, Cochise county, A. T., this July JOHN C. EASTON, Justice of the Peace.

Constable's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of he Justice's Conrt of John C. Easton, in and for the County of Cochise, Territory of Arizona, to me directed and delivered on a judgment rensum of \$156.60 elamages with interest thereon from date of judgment at the rate of roper cent per annum until paid, together with \$45.55 costs and accrning costs, I have this day levied upon the following described property, to-wit:

One adobe house, sitnated about four miles from Camp Huachnea, known as the McLane dates house and slot the har and fiveress and

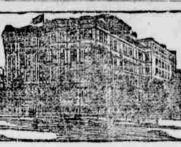
dance house, and also the bar and fixtures and appurtenances thereunto contained, and cook-ing stove and cooking utensils. Public notice is hereby given that on the r5th day of August, 1887, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., in front of the court house, in the city of Tombstone, Cochise county, Arizona Territoy, I will seil all the right, title and interest of the said D. C. McLane, in and to the above described property at public Auction, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, lawful money of the United States, to satisfy said execution

Dated this the 25th day of July, 1887. BEN JAMES, Constable.

Dissolution Notice.

The undertaking business heretofore carried on in this city by Jos. Pascholy & Co., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent, Joseph Pascholy retiring and A. J. Ritter remaining. All bills due Jos. Pascholy & Co. will be paid to, and all debts contracted by Jos. Pascholy & Co. will be paid by, Jos. P. scholy.

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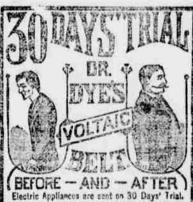
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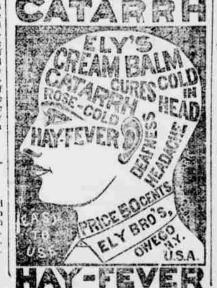


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